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Press Release

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Pennsylvania Winter Wheat Production

HARRISBURG -- Based on June 1 conditions, **Pennsylvania's** 2003 production of winter wheat is expected to be 15 percent below 2002, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

Winter wheat production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 8.48 million bushels, down 15 percent from last year's production of 9.99 million bushels. Farmers expect to harvest 160,000 acres with an average yield of 53.0 bushels per acre.

U.S. winter wheat production for 2003 is forecast at 1.63 billion bushels based on crop conditions as of June 1. This is up 4 percent from the May 1 forecast and 42 percent above 2002. Based on June 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 44.6 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from the previous forecast. Grain area totals 36.4 million acres, unchanged from May 1.